OUTCOME 1: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION

Sasol Techno exposes learners to career possibilities

By Vuyisile Cindi: GCIS, Mpumalanga

Govan Mbeki Local Municipality Executive Mayor Flora Maboa-Bolton, participating in a gel experiment during the Sasol Career Expo.

A Gert Sibande Technical and Vocational Education and Training College career councillor giving information on their courses available for registration.

KOMATSU demonstrated various mining equipment and told the learners about their licence requirements.

Unisa veterans’ showcasing internal organs and their functions.

The Square Kilometre Array telescope being explained in brief to the learners.

Wits Mythbusters challenged learners on myths and provided facts.
Sasol’s flagship career and education event, Sasol Techno X 2017, officially kicked off in Secunda, Mpumalanga on 1 August 2017 and ended on 4 August 2017. The event, which aims to encourage high-school learners to choose mathematics and science in school, is taking place for the second time at the Sasol Recreational Club. More than 20 000 learners attended the event.

To date, Sasol Techno X, which initially took place only in Sasolburg, Free State, has attracted more than 360 000 young minds, inspiring them with talks, displays, workshops and hands-on activities revealing the endless possibilities in science and technology. The event is one of the many ways that Sasol and the Mpumalanga Provincial Government demonstrate their commitment to developing South Africa’s future leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics-related fields.

“Sasol Techno X provides a convenient, one-stop shop where learners are exposed to relevant subject matter, information on tertiary education, career guidance, bursaries and learnership opportunities”, said Gerrit Viljoen, Sasol’s Senior Vice-President: Capital Projects at Group Technology.

“During this year’s event Sasol, in collaboration with the Mpumalanga government, hope to host learners from more than 250 schools within the five districts of Mpumalanga. The Sasol Techno X opens the eyes and minds of these learners to a world of possibilities in the fields of Mathematics, Science and Technology,” he added.

Sasol and other big businesses have showcased available career opportunities to learners in Mpumalanga. As demonstrated through this event, private-public partnerships work well together to move South Africa forward.
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Govan Mbeki Local Municipality Executive Mayor Flora Maboa-Boltman:
“Working together to move South Africa forward, government fully supports initiatives in support of sharpening and shaping the future of the South African youth.”

Modern technology used at the Secunda Sasol value chain branch.

A member of the South African Police Service’s Explosives Unit showcasing various explosives.

Motor mechanical engineering was also part of the exhibitions.
Kalushi film goes to East London

By Tabita Ngqunge: GCIS, Eastern Cape

The GCIS and the Film and Publication Board hosted the screening of the film, Kalushi, at the Hemingways Cinema in East London on 28 July 2017. The movie is about the life of the late Umkhonto we Sizwe soldier, Solomon Mahlangu, from Mamelodi in Pretoria, who was hanged by the apartheid government. Students from Buffalo City College, University of Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu University and the youth from surrounding townships of East London had an opportunity to watch the film.

The movie has been shown in different provinces across the country and it was screened for the first time in East London. The screening formed part of national roadshows hosted by Deputy Minister of Communications, Tandi Mahambehlala. Speaking during her address, the Deputy Minister said the screening of the film was aimed at promoting social cohesion by giving young people the opportunity to see what struggle icons such as Mahlangu went through in fighting for the liberation of South Africa.

She further highlighted that Kalushi is the epitome of what the National Development Plan (NDP) envisions, and is an excellent catalyst for cohesive dialogues about the past and the future. “The NDP incentivises the production and the distribution of all art forms that facilitate healing, nation-building and dialogue,” said the Deputy Minister.

Also in attendance were councillors from the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality.

Student from Buffalo City College:
"From the characters of the movie one is able to learn that people can be in one struggle but have different objectives. We need to understand our struggles and the individual objectives that we may have."

Student from Walter Sisulu University:
"The movie encourages us as young people to appreciate the Struggle and the hardship our heroes went through and us as youth should move forward and ensure that we make the best out of what was fought for by heroes like Solomon Mahlangu."

Deputy Minister Mahambehlala addressing the audience at the screening of Kalushi at Hemingways Cinema in East London.
OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Youth receive bursaries on Mandela Day
By Bongani Mazibuko, GCIS, Mpumalanga

The GCIS and Gauteng Department of Economic Development hosted a workshop on economic opportunities in Vosloorus on 27 July 2017. The aim of the workshop was to inform the community about available economic opportunities and how to access them.

The Company Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), National Credit Regulator, National Energy Regulator of South Africa, Independent Communication Authority of South Africa and the Office of Consumer Affairs were represented at the event.

Simon Fenyane from the CIPC informed the community about their fast and reliable online company registration system. “Registering a company is easy with CIPC through an online system that ensures a fast turnaround time on all company registrations,” he said. Fenyane.

Small business owners were also advised on how to apply for funding for their businesses. A community member, Themba Mongwe, was happy to receive such information. He said: “I appreciate the initiative by our government of ensuring radical economic transformation by providing funding for small business owners like me.”

Gugu Ndlela:
“Today I learnt that registering a company is easy; I can even do it on my cell phone.”

Dikgang Legoale:
“Upcoming business owners need to legalise their services by registering with relevant sectors so that they can be able to access available financial assistance.”